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Bicycle Safety and School Opening

The Eau Claire Police Department is coming to the final stages of a bicycle enforcement grant which is to coincide with the upcoming opening of schools. Throughout the summer, deployments of officers specifically related to bicycle safety have been completed. Officers will be out on several occasions reinforcing good bicycle safety habits as well as enforcing bicycle related statutes which pertain both to bicycle riders and motorists. With the opening of schools and the emphasis on Safe Routes To School, large numbers of bicyclists are expected to take to the roads, sidewalks and bike routes. The Eau Claire Police Department will be doing its part in enhancing the safety of our biking traffic. Bicyclists are reminded to wear helmets; keep their bikes in good condition; have proper lighting; follow all traffic laws (stop for stop signs/red lights; travel in their lane with the flow of traffic - not against the flow; signal their turns, etc).

Motorists are reminded to be aware of bikes and grant them their entitled right-of-ways.

Local ordinances of concern are riding on sidewalks in prohibited areas (the business districts of downtown and the Water St area).

Biking is good for the rider; good for the environment and good for the community. Let's all make it a safe activity.

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